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1. AT MARCH 31 MEETING, DUTCH ECONADS GEVERS, TRANSLATING FROM A MFA THE HAGUE MESSAGE, REPORTED ON BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE HAGUE MARCH 23-24 BETWEEN DUTCH OFFICIALS AND ADAMISHIN (PHONETIC), SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL DESCRIBED AS ASSISTANT TO KOVALEV. WITH RESPECT TO BASKET II, ADAMISHIN RAISED THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS FOR ALL PAN-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY. CITING THE RECENT SOVIET LETTER TO STANOVNIK, HE SAID THE SOVIET HOPED THAT A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE COULD BE TAKEN ON AT LEAST ONE OF THE CONGRESSES AT THE 32ND ECE SESSION. FAILURE TO DO SO, HE ADDED, WOULD NOT IMPROVE THE STMOSPHERE AT BELGRADE.
TO A DUTCH QUERY AS TO WHICH PARAS IN THE FINAL ACT THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS WERE INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT, ADAMISHIN
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ANSWERED THAT THESE WERE INDEPENDENT PROPOSALS WHICH DID NOT RELATE TO SPECIFIC PASSAGES BUT NEVERTHELESS HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD IN THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT.

2. THE DUTCH, REFERRING TO THE RECENT LETTER OF THE UK ECE REPRESENTATIVE GIVING THE NINE'S RESPONSE TO THE STANOVNIK PROPOSALS ON THE ECE WORK PROGRAM, SAID THAT THEY DID NOT THINK HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY APPROPRIATE. THEY FELT, HOWEVER, THAT SOME BENEFIT MIGHT ACCRUE FROM A WELL-PREPARED MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

ADAMISHIN APPEARED TO BE RATHER PLEASED WITH THAT POINT OF VIEW. TO A DUTCH REMARK THAT IT DID NOT SEEM SENSIBLE TO MAKE AN ECE DECISION ON THE CONGRESS PROPOSALS A PRE-CONDITION FOR PROGRESS AT BELGRADE, ADAMISHIN RESPONDED THAT EVEN IF THE ECE DID NOT TAKE THE DESIRED DECISION THE SOVIETS "WOULD NOT BLOW UP BELGRADE."

3. ADAMISHIN TOOK THE DUTCH AND OTHER EUROPEANS TO TASK FOR POOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BASKET II PROVISIONS, E.G. RESTRICTIVE DUTCH VISA POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOREIGN (READ SOVIET) FIRMS. NEVERTHELESS HE SAID THAT SOVIETS DID NOT PLAN TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS ON SUCH TOPICS AT BELGRADE.

4. IN REPLY TO REQUEST FROM OTHER ECONADS FOR TEXT OF DUTCH REPORT, GEVERS SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE AN ORAL SUMMARY. STRAUSS-HUPE'

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